

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Blasdel, on March 15, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Alan Hale (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)  
Rep. Max Yates (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Mary McNally (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Staff Present:** Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 560, 3/10/2011; HB 561, 3/10/2011; HB 562, 3/10/2011; HB 564, 3/10/2011

**HEARING ON HB 560****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:07 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 560, Increase public involvement in urban renewal areas.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(tah58a01\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(tah58a02\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(tah58a03\)\*\*](#)

00:01:31 Rep. McNally arrived.

00:01:36 Rep. Williams arrived.

00:01:58 Rep. Stahl arrived.

00:04:36 Rep. Taylor left.

00:06:00 Rep. Stahl left.

00:06:58 Rep. McClafferty arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:09:41 Kevin Nelson, self

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(tah58a04\)\*\*](#)

00:12:18 Vice Chairman Miller left.

00:13:46 Rep. Randall and Rep. Knudsen left.

00:15:02 Chairman Blasdel

00:15:16 Mr. Nelson

00:16:44 Rep. Flynn left.

00:18:39 Rep. Barrett

00:18:45 Mr. Nelson

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:19:22 Tom Hanel, Mayor, City of Billings

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(tah58a05\)\*\*](#)

00:22:09 Chairman Blasdel

00:22:18 Rep. Barrett

00:22:35 Mr. Hanel

00:23:24 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(tah58a06\)\*\*](#)

00:25:15 Connie Wardell, self

00:28:09 Rep. Stahl arrived.

00:28:38 Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency

00:31:13 Brit Fontenot, Economic Development Liaison, City of Bozeman

00:31:33 Vice Chairman Miller arrived.

00:32:50 Alec Hansen, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

**Informational Testimony:**

00:35:46 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:36:37 Rep. Flynn arrived.

00:36:48 Rep. Stahl left.

00:37:41 Rep. Stahl arrived.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:39:55 Rep. Barrett

00:40:17 Rep. Randall arrived.  
00:40:29 Mr. Fontenot  
00:40:45 Rep. Barrett  
00:41:14 Mr. Behan  
00:41:16 Rep. Barrett  
00:41:58 Mr. Behan  
00:43:01 Rep. Barrett  
00:44:11 Mr. Standaert, LFD  
00:44:43 Rep. Knudsen arrived.  
00:45:06 Mr. Standaert  
00:45:24 Rep. Stahl  
00:46:06 Mr. Standaert  
00:46:18 Rep. Hoven  
00:46:25 Mr. Standaert  
00:46:57 Rep. Hoven  
00:46:00 Mr. Standaert  
00:47:26 Rep. Hoven  
00:47:41 Mr. Standaert  
00:48:00 Rep. Hoven  
00:48:12 Mr. Hansen  
00:50:01 Rep. Hoven  
00:50:18 Mr. Hansen  
00:51:25 Rep. Stahl  
00:51:36 Rep. Flynn left.  
00:52:24 Donny Rieger, County Commissioner, Fallon County  
00:52:47 Rep. Stahl  
00:52:56 Rep. Malek  
00:53:41 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:54:23 Mr. Hansen  
00:54:39 Mr. Behan  
00:56:45 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:57:03 Mr. Behan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:40 Rep. Arntzen

**HEARING ON HB 561****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:53 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 561, Revise terminology and criteria for factors in urban renewal districts.

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a08\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:04:58 Kevin Nelson, self

[EXHIBIT\(tah58a09\)](#)

01:06:20 Rep. Flynn arrived.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:10:03 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

01:10:55 Rep. Randall and Rep. Hale left.

01:13:16 Connie Wardell, Trustee, Billings Public School

**EXHIBIT(tah58a10)**

01:13:32 Rep. Hale arrived.

01:22:32 Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency

01:22:46 Chairman Blasdel left.

01:26:30 Wade Elder, Community & Economic Development, City of Kalispell

01:27:03 Rep. Flynn left.

01:28:43 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

01:29:12 Rep. Phillips left.

01:29:53 Tom Hanel, Mayor, City of Billings

01:30:15 Rep. Randall arrived.

01:31:45 Chairman Blasdel arrived.

01:31:56 Brit Fontenot, Economic Development Liaison, City of Bozeman

01:33:37 Rep. Phillips arrived.

01:34:02 Alec Hansen, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

01:35:24 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:40:16 Rep. Knudsen

01:41:00 Rep. Arntzen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:41:10 Rep. Arntzen

**HEARING ON HB 562****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:42:33 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 562, Require notification of local governments and schools of urban renewal district.

**EXHIBIT(tah58a11)**

01:42:34 Rep. McClafferty left.

01:42:35 Rep. Barrett left.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:45:43 Kevin Nelson, self

**EXHIBIT(tah58a12)**

01:47:11 Rep. Yates left.

01:47:12 Rep. Barrett arrived.

01:47:25 Rep. Stahl left.

01:49:07 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.

01:54:54 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:55:56 Kristen Rosa, Tax Increment Financing, Administrator, Butte Silver-Bow County

01:57:04 Connie Wardell, Trustee, Billings School Board

01:57:40 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived.  
01:57:48 Rep. Yates and Rep. Flynn arrived.  
01:58:44 Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency  
01:58:45 Rep. O'Neil left.  
01:59:41 Rep. Knudsen left.  
02:00:07 Vice Chairman Miller left.  
02:00:08 Rep. Malek left.  
02:02:46 Rep. O'Neil arrived.  
02:03:08 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce  
02:04:13 Tom Hanel, Mayor, City of Billings  
02:05:18 Rep. Knudsen arrived.  
02:05:44 Alec Hansen, Executive Director, League of Cities and Towns  
02:07:10 Brit Fontenot, Economic Development Liaison, City of Bozeman  
02:08:26 Wade Elder, Community & Economic Development, City of Kalispell  
02:09:16 Vice Chairman Miller arrived.

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:10:00 Rep. Barrett  
02:10:14 Rep. Stahl arrived.  
02:11:09 Mr. Behan  
02:11:17 Rep. McClafferty arrived.  
02:11:24 Rep. Barrett  
02:11:53 Mr. Behan  
02:11:56 Rep. Barrett  
02:11:57 Mr. Behan  
02:12:00 Rep. Barrett  
02:12:05 Mr. Behan  
02:12:22 Rep. McNally  
02:12:37 Rep. Arntzen  
02:13:04 Rep. McNally  
02:13:16 Rep. Arntzen  
02:13:24 Mr. Behan  
02:13:48 Rep. McNally  
02:13:54 Rep. Barrett  
02:14:14 Rep. McNally  
02:14:18 Rep. Williams  
02:14:33 Rep. Stahl left.  
02:15:14 Mr. Behan  
02:16:09 Rep. Malek arrived.  
02:16:38 Rep. Hoven  
02:17:20 Mr. Nelson  
02:17:30 Rep. Hoven  
02:18:01 Mr. Nelson  
02:18:31 Rep. Hoven  
02:18:35 Rep. McNally left.  
02:18:41 Rep. Flynn left.  
02:18:53 Mr. Hansen  
02:18:54 Rep. Randall left.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:21:22 Rep. Arntzen

02:22:16 Rep. McNally arrived.

**HEARING ON HB 564****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:23:24 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 564, Requiring urban renewal districts not supplant municipal services.

**EXHIBIT(tah58a13)**

02:23:33 Rep. Randall arrived.

02:23:38 Chairman Blasdel left.

02:25:01 Rep. Stahl arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:26:18 Kevin Nelson, self

02:29:04 Chairman Blasdel arrived.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:31:37 Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency

02:37:35 Connie Wardell, Trustee, Billings School Board District #2

02:39:18 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

02:41:40 Wade Elder, Community &amp; Economic Development, City of Kalispell

02:42:49 Brit Fontenot, Economic Development Liaison, City of Bozeman

02:43:31 Tom Hanel, Mayor, City of Billings

02:45:05 Alec Hansen, Executive Director, League of Cities and Towns

02:45:49 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:48:11 Rep. Barrett

02:49:49 Mr. Behan

02:50:47 Rep. Barrett

02:51:33 Mr. Behan

02:51:42 Rep. Williams

02:52:31 Mr. Behan

02:53:30 Rep. Williams

02:53:59 Mr. Behan

02:54:44 Rep. Williams

02:55:08 Mr. Behan

02:55:51 Rep. Williams

02:56:17 Rep. Stahl

02:57:02 Mr. Hansen

02:58:20 Rep. Stahl

02:59:00 Mr. Hansen

03:00:00 Rep. Stahl

03:00:23 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.

03:00:31 Mr. Hansen  
03:01:06 Rep. Stahl  
03:02:03 Rep. Malek  
03:02:12 Rep. Stahl  
03:02:30 Ms. Wardell  
03:02:40 Rep. Randall left.  
03:02:59 Rep. Stahl  
03:03:32 Mr. Behan  
03:04:21 Rep. Stahl  
03:04:40 Mr. Behan  
03:06:07 Rep. Stahl  
03:06:29 Mr. Behan  
03:07:09 Rep. Barrett  
03:08:10 Mr. Hansen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:08:25 Rep. Arntzen  
  
03:08:34 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived.  
03:11:53 Rep. Malek

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:12:34      Adjournment: 11:13 a.m.

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Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah58aad.pdf](#))